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## FOREWORD

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This report presents a backup procedure for rapidly evaluating wind profiles shortly before launch if there is a breakdown in communications between San Diego and Cape Kennedy.

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### SUMMARY

This Backup Flight-Wind Restriction Procedure will generally ensure booster-vehicle structural integrity as the vehicle flies through a wind that is determined by a wind sounding just prior to launch.

The procedure has a primary method presented in GDC-BTD66-063, dated 29 April 1966, a vehicle flight simulation that uses an IBM 7094 computer. The backup method presented herein does not rely on an IBM 7094 computer, but uses an IBM 1401 computer, or desk calculator, and gives slightly conservative results.

Bending moments at three vehicle stations are possibly critical. Therefore allowable values are compared with calculated values to determine a launch recommendation. Engine deflection is ignored in this procedure since bending moment loads are almost always more critical.

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FLIGHT-WIND RESTRICTIONS PROCEDURE,  
ATLAS/CENTAUR AC-10 THROUGH AC-15  
ADDENDUM I (Backup Procedure)

SECTION 1

DISCUSSION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The AC-10 flight-wind restriction backup procedure has been devised to be used only in the event that the primary procedure (GDC-BTD66-063, dated 29 April 1966) cannot be used. The backup procedure allows bending moments to be calculated at three critical stations - 217, 413, and 570 - for an altitude range of 0 to 60,000 feet. This bending moment is then compared to a predetermined bending allowable from which the launch restriction can be determined. The assumptions for calculating the bending moments are the same as those used in the primary procedure.

The backup procedure employs a triangular impulse superposition process as suggested by Trembath in Reference 1-1. The method used in the calculations (as given in the following subsection) could be followed employing a desk calculator if necessary. Reference 1-2 provides information on the digital program and its use on the AC-4 vehicle.

1.2 VEHICLE BENDING MOMENTS

The actual wind profile will be evaluated in feet per second and degrees azimuth at the following altitudes:

0 feet	18,000 feet	33,000 feet	48,000 feet
3,000 feet	21,000 feet	36,000 feet	51,000 feet
6,000 feet	24,000 feet	39,000 feet	54,000 feet
9,000 feet	27,000 feet	42,000 feet	57,000 feet
12,000 feet	30,000 feet	45,000 feet	60,000 feet
15,000 feet			

1.2.1 FLIGHT-WIND COMPONENTS. Each of the wind vectors is then broken into the pitch and yaw planes. This is done as follows (see Figure 1-1 for components and definitions):

$$\text{Axialwind} = V_A = -V_W \times \sin(\theta_W - \theta_Z - 90^\circ)$$

Example:

$$V_W = 179.0 \text{ fps}$$

$$\theta_W = 237^\circ$$

$$\theta_Z = 111^\circ$$

$$= -113.3 \text{ feet/second (tailwind is negative)}$$

$$\text{Crosswind} = V_X = V_W \times \cos(\theta_W - \theta_Z - 90^\circ)$$

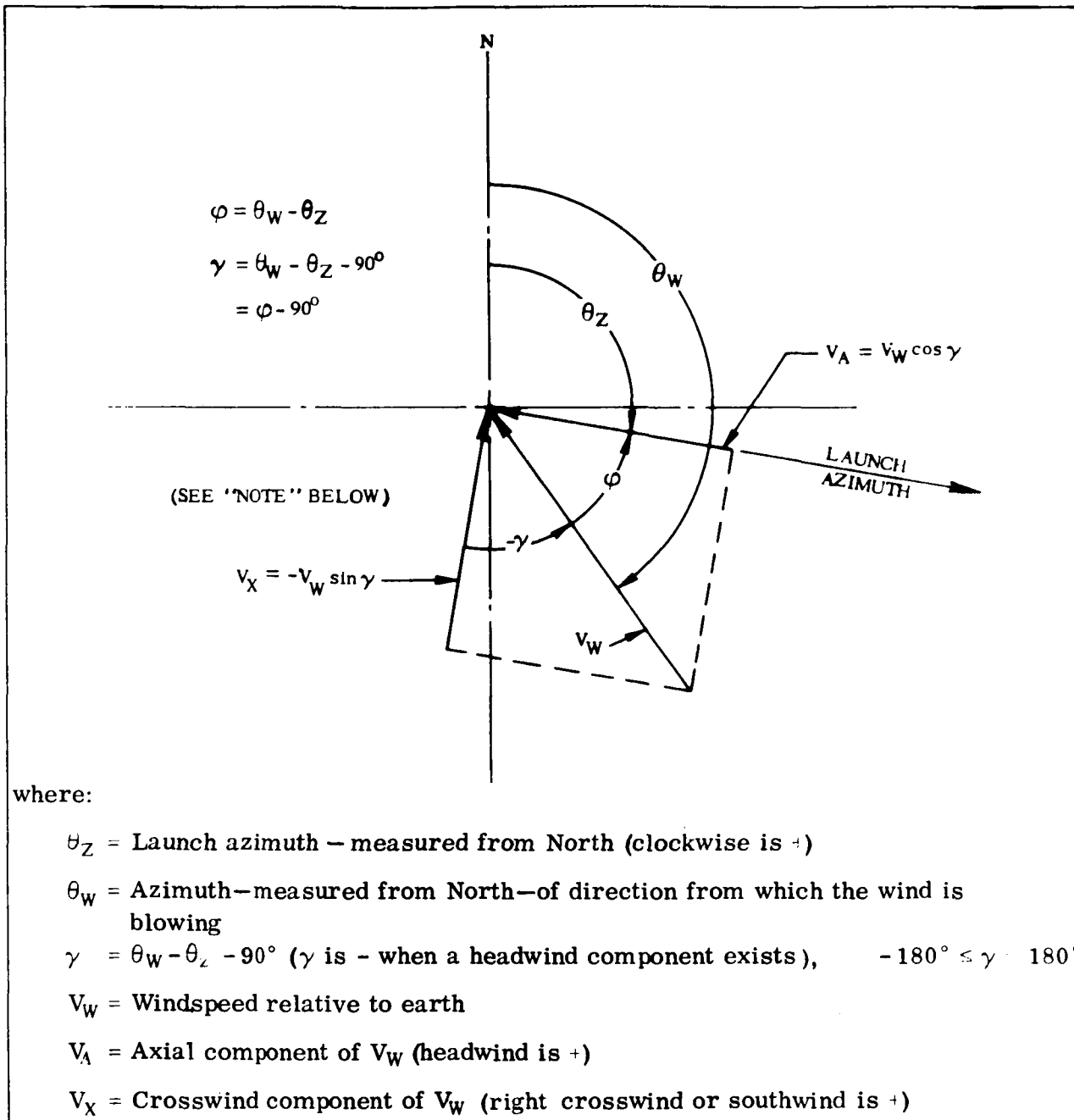
$$= 140.0 \text{ feet/second (southwind is positive)}$$



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1.2.2 COMPUTATION. The following steps are to be followed in computing the total bending moment:

1.2.2.1 At each of the previous altitudes, divide the incremental velocity at that altitude by ten and form a column matrix for each plane, i.e.;



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Figure 1-1. Components of the Flight-Wind Vector

NOTE: The above convention agrees with COMBO as used in the primary flight-wind restriction procedure.

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$$\begin{array}{cc}
 \alpha - \text{Plane} & \beta - \text{Plane} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{V_{A_0}}{10} \\ \frac{V_{A_{3000}}}{10} \\ \frac{V_{A_{6000}}}{10} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{V_{X_0}}{10} \\ \frac{V_{X_{3000}}}{10} \\ \frac{V_{X_{6000}}}{10} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

1.2.2.2 Premultiply each column of Paragraph 1.2.2.1 by the triangular matrix corresponding to the particular vehicle station in question (Tables 1-1 through 1-3). This results in columns  $[BM_\alpha]$  and  $[BM_\beta]$ , which are the bending moments in pitch and yaw due only to the wind profile:

$$\left[ \frac{\partial BM_{STA\ i}}{\partial V_h / 10} \right] \cdot \left[ \frac{V_{A_h}}{10} \right] = [BM_\alpha], \text{ or}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} a_{11} & & \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{V_{A_0}}{10} \\ \frac{V_{A_{3000}}}{10} \\ \frac{V_{A_{6000}}}{10} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} a_{11} \frac{V_{A_0}}{10} \\ a_{12} \frac{V_{A_0}}{10} + a_{22} \frac{V_{A_{3000}}}{10} \\ a_{13} \frac{V_{A_0}}{10} + a_{23} \frac{V_{A_{3000}}}{10} + a_{33} \frac{V_{A_{6000}}}{10} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right]$$

and

$$\left[ \frac{\partial BM_{STA\ i}}{\partial V_h / 10} \right] \left[ \frac{V_{X_h}}{10} \right] = [BM_\beta]$$

The sub<sub>h</sub> refers to the altitude; and the same triangular matrix is used in each plane.

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TABLE 1-1. INFLUENCE MATRIX ( $\partial \text{BM}_{\text{STA } 217} \times 10^{-6} / \partial V_h / 10$ )  
(All values are given in in.-lb sec/ft.)

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0007- 0056

0004- 0007- 0077

0005- 0012- 0018- 0095

0005- 0011- 0016- 0031- 0108

0004- 0009- 0012- 0019- 0036- 0118

0003- 0007- 0009- 0012- 0020- 0034- 0125

0002- 0005- 0006- 0008- 0011- 0017- 0029- 0124

0001- 0002- 0003- 0003- 0004- 0005- 0011- 0027- 0042

0001- 0002- 0003- 0003- 0004- 0005- 0010- 0011- 0055

0001- 0001- 0002- 0002- 0003- 0003- 0006- 0017- 0047- 0066

0001- 0002- 0002- 0003- 0003- 0004- 0006- 0019- 0016- 0075

0001- 0002- 0002- 0002- 0003- 0003- 0005- 0009- 0029- 0059- 0083

0001- 0002- 0002- 0003- 0003- 0004- 0006- 0012- 0037- 0054- 0146

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0002- 0003- 0001- 0001- 0001- 0001- 0001- 0001- 0002- 0002- 0003- 0005- 0010- 0022- 0013- 0070

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AC-10

(All values are given in in. -lb sec/ft)

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**0001- 0001- 0002- 0002- 0002- 0002- 0003- 0003- 0003- 0003- 0003- 0003- 0004- 0004- 0007- 0011- 0022- 0047- 0031- 0166**

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1.2.2.3 Add to  $|BM_{\alpha}|$  the values from Table 1-4, which are the bending moments due to vehicle response in a no-wind condition.

1.2.2.4 Take the square root of the sum of the squares of  $(BM_{\alpha} + BM_{NO\ WIND})$  and  $(BM_{\beta})$  at each altitude to get the resultant bending moment:

$$|BM_R| = + \sqrt{(BM_{\alpha} + BM_{NO\ WIND})^2 + (BM_{\beta})^2}$$

1.2.2.5 Add the bending moment due to gust, which is given in Table 1-5, to  $BM_R$  to get total bending moment:

$$|BM_T| = |BM_R| + |BM_{GUST}|$$

TABLE 1-4. NOMINAL NO-WIND TRAJECTORY PARAMETERS  
(BENDING MOMENT  $\times 10^{-6}$ )  
(All values are given in in.-lb.)

Altitude (feet)	Time (second)	Station 217	Station 413	Station 570
0	0	-0.002	-0.017	0.051
3,000	24.3	-0.043	-0.115	0.169
6,000	33.0	0.018	0.027	0.032
9,000	39.3	0.051	0.111	-0.134
12,000	44.5	0.098	0.218	0.272
15,000	48.9	0.135	0.297	-0.395
18,000	52.8	0.183	0.388	-0.493
21,000	56.3	0.223	0.524	-0.625
24,000	59.5	0.250	0.735	-0.867
27,000	62.5	0.263	0.818	-0.987
30,000	65.4	0.317	0.738	-0.861
33,000	68.1	0.218	0.562	-0.618
36,000	70.6	0.249	0.414	-0.423
39,000	73.1	0.165	0.227	-0.306
42,000	75.4	0.086	0.627	-0.228
45,000	77.6	-0.029	0.160	-0.251
48,000	79.7	-0.105	-0.300	0.509
51,000	81.9	-0.213	-0.464	0.723
54,000	83.9	-0.214	-0.605	0.909
57,000	85.8	-0.232	-0.668	1.007
60,000	87.7	-0.072	-0.218	0.369

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TABLE 1-5. BENDING MOMENTS DUE TO GUST (ABSOLUTE VALUE)  
 (BENDING MOMENT  $\times 10^{-6}$ )  
 (All values are given in in.-lb.)

Altitude (feet)	Time (second)	Station 217	Station 413	Station 570
0	0	0	0	0
3,000	24.3	0.156	0.362	0.478
6,000	33.0	0.214	0.453	0.600
9,000	39.3	0.241	0.547	0.765
12,000	44.5	0.315	0.722	0.880
15,000	48.9	0.491	0.796	1.296
18,000	52.8	0.615	1.008	1.233
21,000	56.3	0.620	1.034	1.317
24,000	59.5	0.591	1.137	1.667
27,000	62.5	0.677	1.375	1.717
30,000	65.4	0.594	1.326	1.739
33,000	68.1	0.735	1.300	1.753
36,000	70.6	0.455	1.236	1.591
39,000	73.1	0.471	1.246	1.527
42,000	75.4	0.453	1.164	1.568
45,000	77.6	0.460	1.232	1.408
48,000	79.7	0.353	1.045	1.063
51,000	81.9	0.327	0.875	1.330
54,000	83.9	0.378	1.121	1.257
57,000	85.8	0.381	1.077	1.240
60,000	87.7	0.444	1.187	1.290

Table 1-7 shows the results of calculations involving the influence coefficients of Table 1-1 and the wind components of Table 1-6.

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TABLE 1-6. SAMPLE CALCULATION FOR ETR WIND 6 JUNE 1959

Altitude (feet)	Time (sec)	$\theta_w$ (deg)	$\theta_w - 198$ (deg)	Sin ( $\theta_w - 198$ )	$V_w$ (ft/sec)	Cos ( $\theta_w - 198$ )	$\frac{V_A}{10}$ (ft/sec)	$\frac{V_x}{10}$ (ft/sec)
0	0	230	32	0.5299	3.2	0.8480	-0.1695	0.2713
3,000	24.3	222	24	0.4067	7.4	0.9135	-0.3009	0.6759
6,000	33.0	260	62	0.8829	15.9	0.4695	-1.4038	0.7465
9,000	39.3	250	52	0.7880	22.0	0.6157	-1.7336	1.3545
12,000	44.5	280	82	0.9903	33.9	0.1392	-3.3571	0.4719
15,000	48.9	280	82	0.9903	39.4	0.1392	-3.9017	0.5484
18,000	52.8	280	82	0.9903	36.1	0.1392	-3.5749	0.5025
21,000	56.3	270	72	0.9511	36.5	0.3090	-3.4715	1.1278
24,000	59.5	283	85	0.9962	47.8	0.0872	-4.7618	0.4168
27,000	62.5	290	92	0.9994	61.0	-0.0349	-6.0963	-0.2129
30,000	65.4	290	92	0.9994	79.3	-0.0349	-7.9252	-0.2767
33,000	68.1	290	92	0.9994	98.0	-0.0349	-9.7941	-0.3420
36,000	70.6	300	102	0.9782	100.0	-0.2079	-9.7820	-2.0790
39,000	73.1	303	105	0.9659	128.8	-0.2588	-12.4407	-3.3333
42,000	75.4	310	112	0.9272	151.1	-0.3746	-14.0099	-5.6602
45,000	77.6	301	103	0.9744	121.5	-0.2249	-11.8389	-2.7325
48,000	79.8	290	92	0.9994	97.7	-0.0349	-9.7641	-0.3409
51,000	81.9	297	99	0.9877	60.0	-0.1564	-5.9262	-0.9384
54,000	83.9	282	84	0.9945	37.0	0.1045	-3.6796	0.3866
57,000	85.8	310	112	0.9272	20.0	-0.3746	-1.8544	-0.7492
60,000	87.7	290	92	0.9994	14.5	-0.0349	-1.4491	-0.0506



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TABLE 1-7. BACKUP PROCEDURE FOR 6 JUNE 1959, STATION 217

Altitude (feet)	Time (sec)	$\frac{V_A}{10}$ (ft/sec)	$\frac{V_x}{10}$ (ft/sec)	$BM_{\alpha} \times 10^{-6}$ (in. -lb)	$(BM_{\alpha} +$ BM NO WIND) $\times 10^{-6}$ (in. -lb)	$BM_{\beta} \times 10^{-6}$ (in. -lb)	$BM_R \times 10^{-6}$ (in. -lb)	$BM_T \times 10^{-6}$ (in. -lb)
0	0	-0.1695	0.2713	0	-0.002	0	0.002	0.002
3,000	24.3	-0.3009	0.6759	-0.016	-0.059	0.036	0.061	0.217
6,000	33.0	-1.4038	0.7465	-0.105	-0.087	0.051	0.101	0.315
9,000	39.3	-1.7336	1.3545	-0.135	-0.083	0.104	0.134	0.374
12,000	44.5	-3.3571	0.4719	-0.280	-0.182	-0.011	0.182	0.497
15,000	48.9	-3.9017	0.5484	-0.286	-0.151	0.006	0.151	0.642
18,000	52.8	-3.5749	0.5025	-0.208	-0.025	0.005	0.026	0.641
21,000	56.3	-3.4715	1.1278	-0.199	0.024	0.091	0.094	0.713
24,000	59.5	-4.7618	0.4168	-0.026	0.224	-0.030	0.226	0.817
27,000	62.5	-6.0963	-0.2129	-0.198	0.065	-0.043	0.076	0.754
30,000	65.4	-7.9252	-0.2767	-0.091	0.226	-0.032	0.228	0.823
33,000	68.1	-9.7941	-0.3420	-0.410	-0.192	-0.034	0.195	0.930
36,000	70.6	-9.7820	-2.0790	-0.119	0.368	-0.158	0.401	0.856
39,000	73.1	-12.4407	-3.3333	-0.716	-0.551	-0.358	0.657	1.128
42,000	75.4	-14.0099	-5.6602	-0.659	-0.573	-0.531	0.781	1.233

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1.2.3 COMPARISON WITH ALLOWABLES. The allowable bending moments at each station, for use only in this backup procedure, are specified in Figure 1-2. If the  $|BM_T|$ 's exceed the allowable values, the 1401 program prints out the word DANGER. Note that the primary procedure uses both bending moment and axial load to obtain a higher launch availability than is possible with this abbreviated procedure.

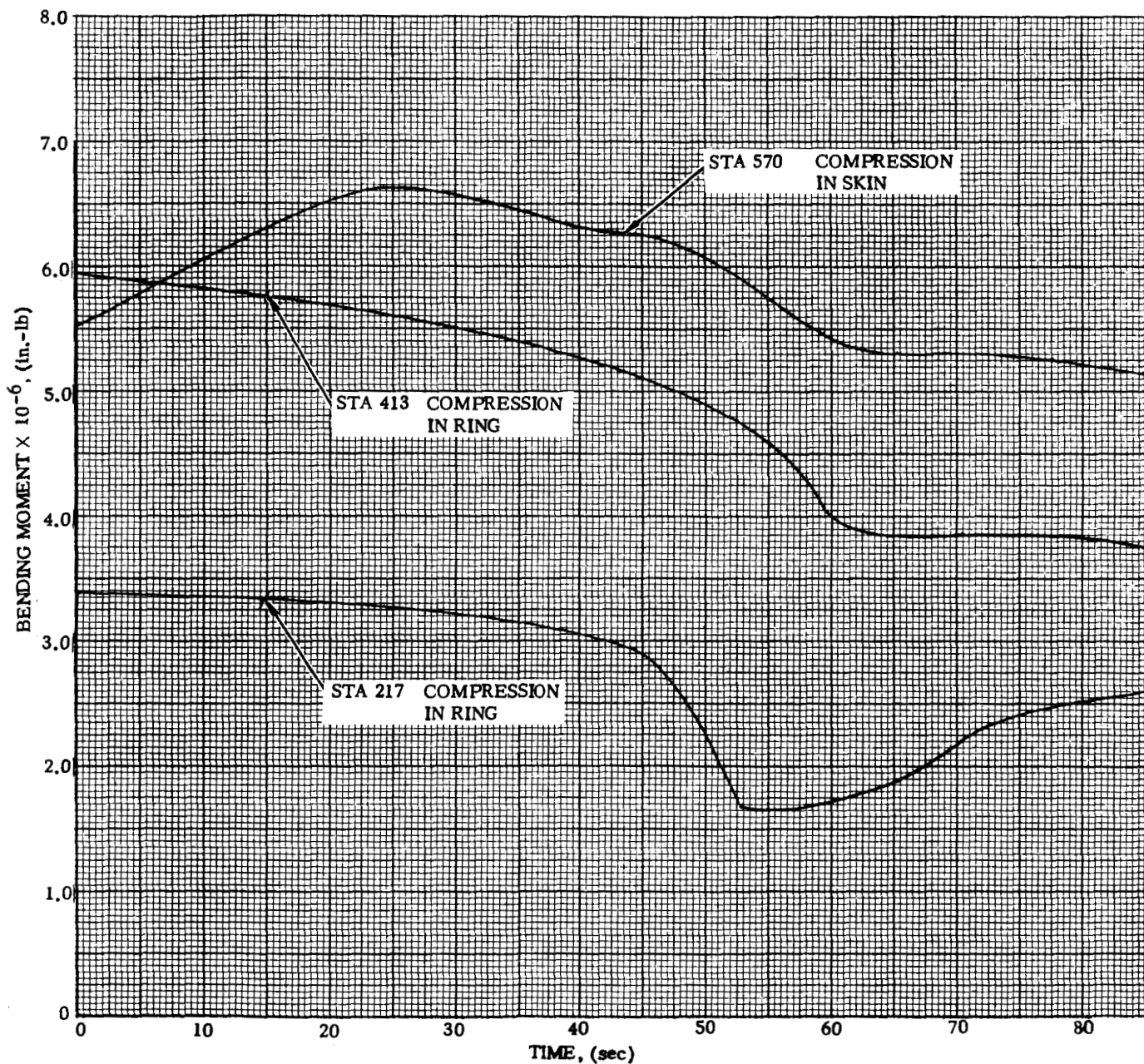


Figure 1-2. AC-10 Allowable Bending Moments for Simplified Backup Procedure

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### 1.3 BACKUP PROCEDURE VERSUS PRIMARY PROCEDURE

1.3.1 COMPARISONS. Table 1-8 shows the percentage difference, at maximum bending (primary procedure), of the backup as compared with the primary procedure. In Appendix A, Figures A-1 through A-6 show comparisons of the bending moments from the backup procedure and the primary (COMBO) procedure. Three winds measured at Cape Kennedy, 6 June 1959, 6 June 1960, and 26 May 1961, were used for comparison.

TABLE 1-8. PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE AT MAXIMUM BENDING (PRIMARY PROCEDURE) OF THE BACKUP PROCEDURE VERSUS PRIMARY PROCEDURE

Date	Station 217	Station 413	Station 570
6 June 1959	0%	0%	4% high
6 June 1960	3% high	2% high	6% high
26 May 1961	2% high	10% low	7% low

1.3.2 CORRECTION FOR EXCESSIVE WIND-SHEAR RATES. Although the backup procedure was designed to give conservative results, inspection of the plots shows an inconsistency. This inconsistency is due to the fine-mesh flight simulation which the primary procedure maintains. Also, the primary program uses an elliptical interpolation for gust bending moment, while this simplified backup procedure uses an average value. Station 570 occasionally shows a relatively high bending moment because the average gust bending moment is used.

Significant wind shears frequently occur over a shorter altitude range than that of the 3,000 foot integration mesh of this backup procedure. This program has the effect of spreading the wind shear over the 3,000 foot interval and thus reducing the magnitude of the applied aerodynamic load.

Whenever the backup program is used because of the unavailability of the primary flight-wind restriction results, the wind-shear rate must be examined. If the wind-shear rate exceeds 6.7 fps per thousand feet, the 1401 bending moments are to be multiplied by the  $f_{w,s}$  factor from Figure A-7 in order to obtain reasonable values. The wind-shear rate should be taken from the AN-GMD-1 balloon data, which is interpolated at altitude intervals of approximately one hundred feet.

### 1.4 CONFIGURATION APPLICABILITY

1.4.1 AC-10 CONFIGURATION. Though the general procedures of this report are not expected to change for the next 8 vehicles, the specific data displayed in the tables of Section 1.2 and the graphs of Appendix A are applicable to the AC-10 flight only. The nose fairing and insulation panels are to be jettisoned as before. This is the first

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flight of the Surveyor spacecraft. The Surveyor is to be separated from the Centaur. In addition to the payload, several telemetry channels and associated measuring devices will be on board for R&D purposes.

1.4.2 FUTURE CONFIGURATIONS. Future configurations should not differ greatly from the AC-10 configuration. Also the digital computer program method used in this procedure will be the same for future flights. Therefore this report is considered applicable for flights AC-10 through AC-15. (Vehicles AC-7 and AC-9 are included in this group configuration since they are scheduled to fly after AC-10.) Relatively minor changes in vehicle parameters, coefficients, gust response, zero-wind bending moment, etc., will be made, if necessary, for each vehicle without changing the report. Should a major configuration or program change occur, however, this report will be revised.

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## SECTION II

### DIGITAL COMPUTER PROGRAM METHOD

The backup flight-wind procedure employs an IBM 1401 digital computer. The deck setup for the BURP program (Revision A), used in this procedure, is illustrated in Figure 2-1 and explained in Table 2-1. Figure 2-2 diagrams the logic flow.

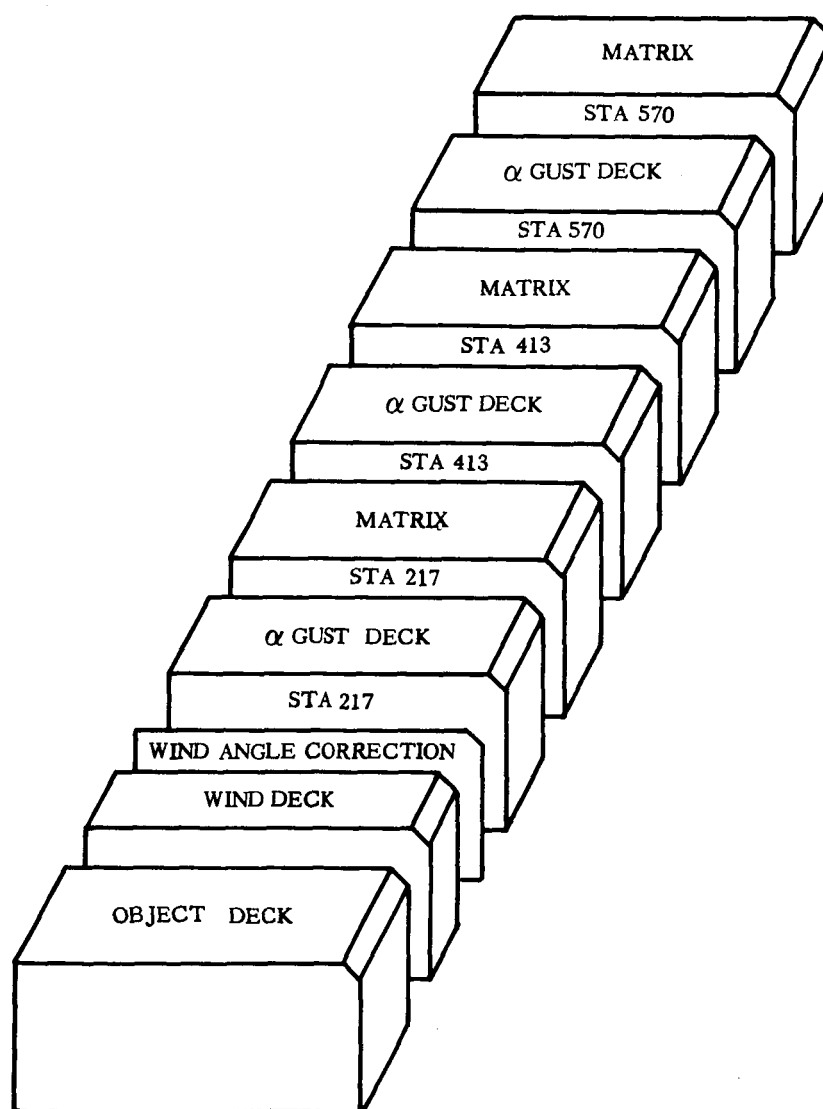


Figure 2-1. Deck Setup for BURP, Revision A

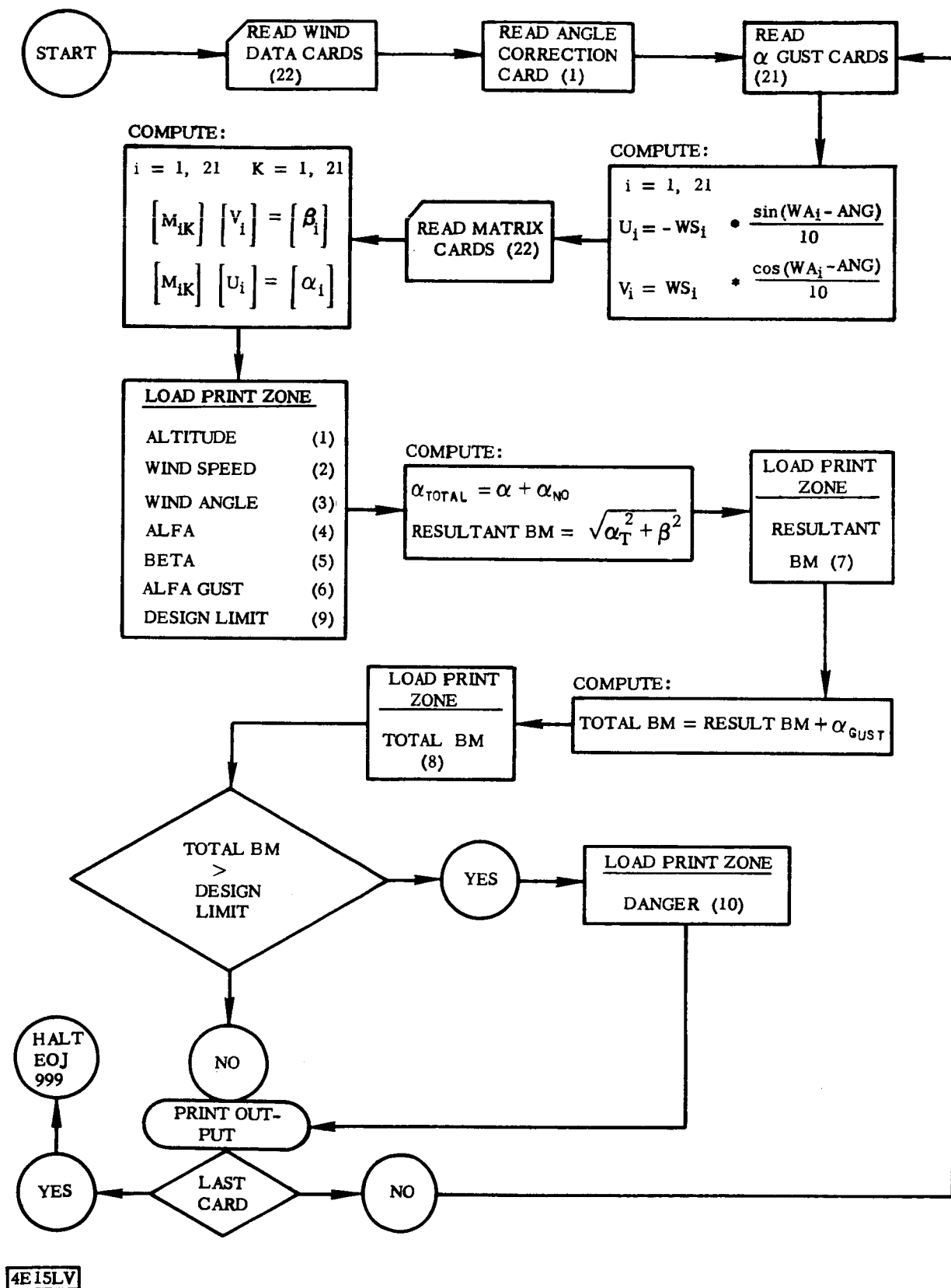
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TABLE 2-1. DECK DESCRIPTION FOR **BURP**, REVISION A

Columns	Data	Units	Digits
<b>1. Wind Data Deck (22 Cards)</b>			
30-40 (First Card)	Date of Wind		
1-5	Altitude	feet	(XXXXXX <sub>A</sub> )
11-14	Wind Speed	fps	(XXX <sub>A</sub> )
21-23	Wind Angle	degrees	(XXX <sub>A</sub> X)
Example:			
Col 1	Col 12	Col 21	
28000	017	353	
<b>2. Wind Angle Correction Card (1 Card)</b>			
1-3	Correction Angle	degrees	(XXX <sub>A</sub> )
<b>3. <math>\alpha</math> Gust Deck (21 Cards)</b>			
1-4	$\alpha$ Gust	in.-lbs	(X <sub>A</sub> XXX)
11-14	Design Limit	in.-lbs	(X <sub>A</sub> XXX)
21-24	$\alpha$ No Wind	in.-lbs	(X <sub>A</sub> XXX)
30-33 (First Card)	Station Number		
Example:			
Col 1	Col 11	Col 21	
0682	1350	0420	
<b>4. Matrix Deck (22 Cards)</b>			
One row per card with the 21st row being an exception. Card 21 contains 20 elements of Row 21 and Card 22 contains the last element of Row 21 (see Tables 1-1 through 1-3).			
30-40 (First Card)	Title of Run		
	Field Width Equal 4		(X <sub>A</sub> XXX)
Example:			
Col 1	Col 5	Col 9	Col 13 (4th Card)
0005	0015	0022	0080

- NOTES: 1. All data are right adjusted in designated fields. Zeros are used in place of blanks.
2. All negative numbers must have a minus sign over-punched in the low order position of the field.

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Figure 2-2. Logic Flow for BURP Program, Revision A

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Figures A-1 through A-7.

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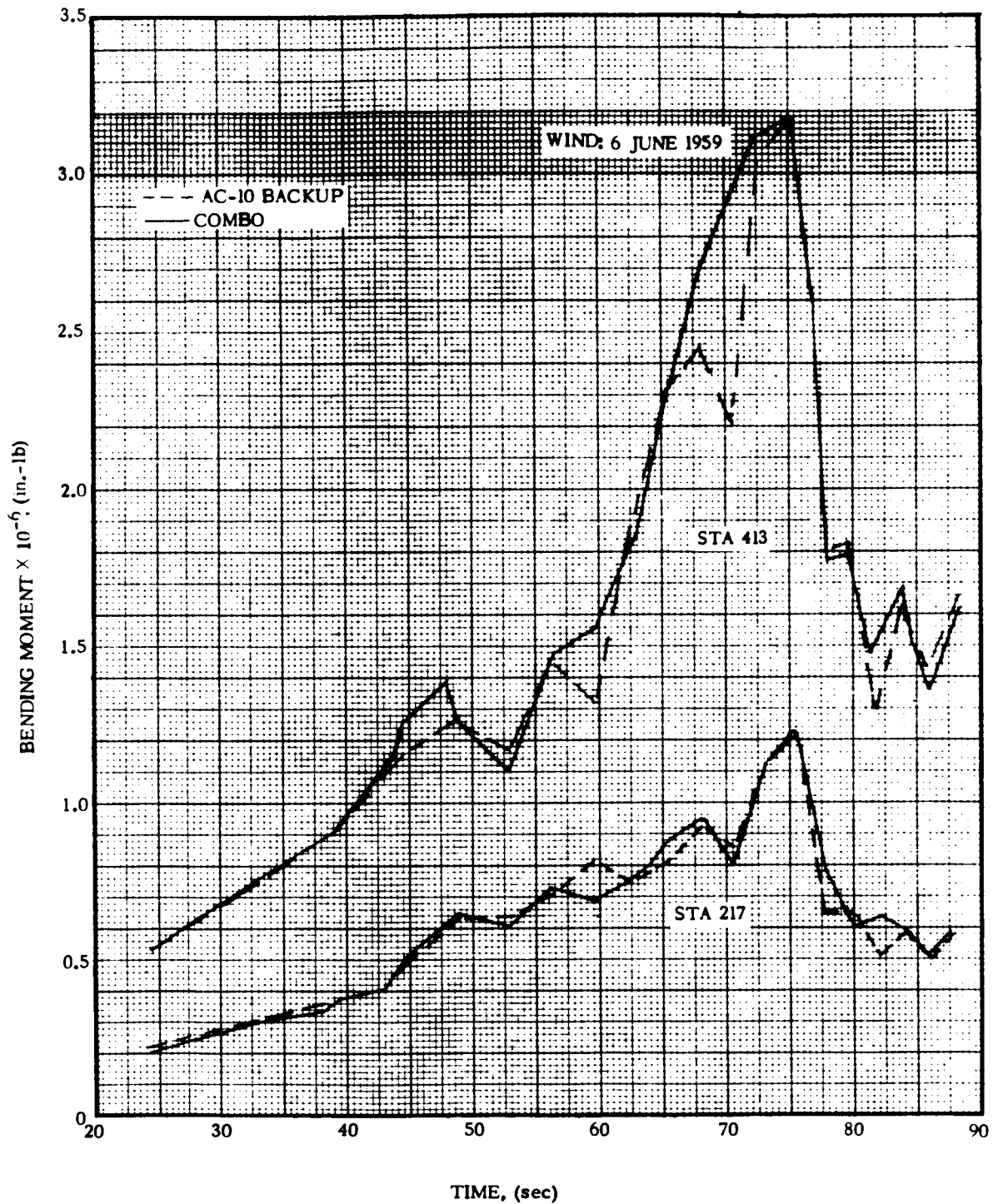


Figure A-1. Comparison of COMBO and Backup Methods, 6 June 1959  
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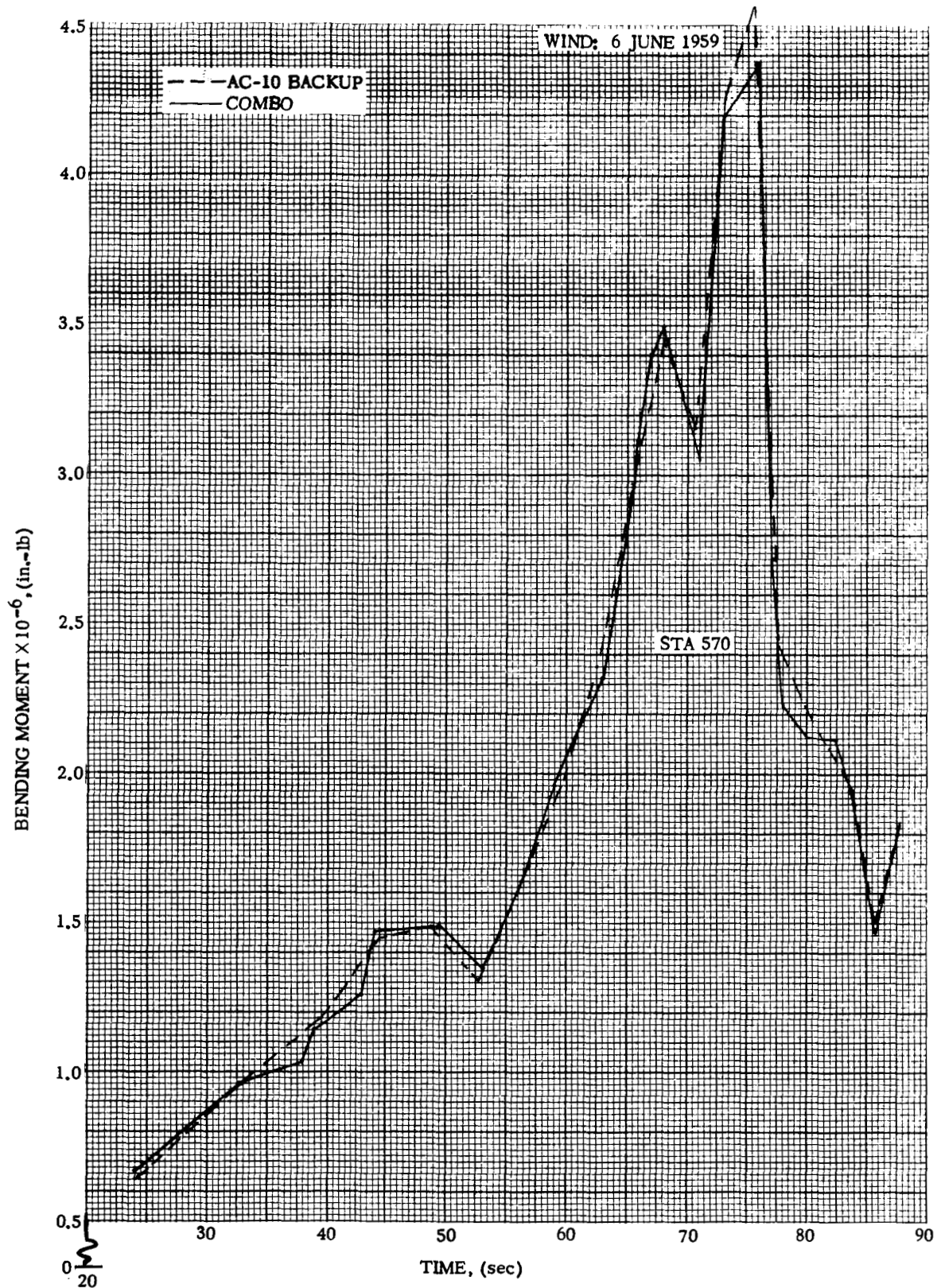


Figure A-2. Comparison of COMBO and Backup Methods, 6 June 1959 Wind, Station 570

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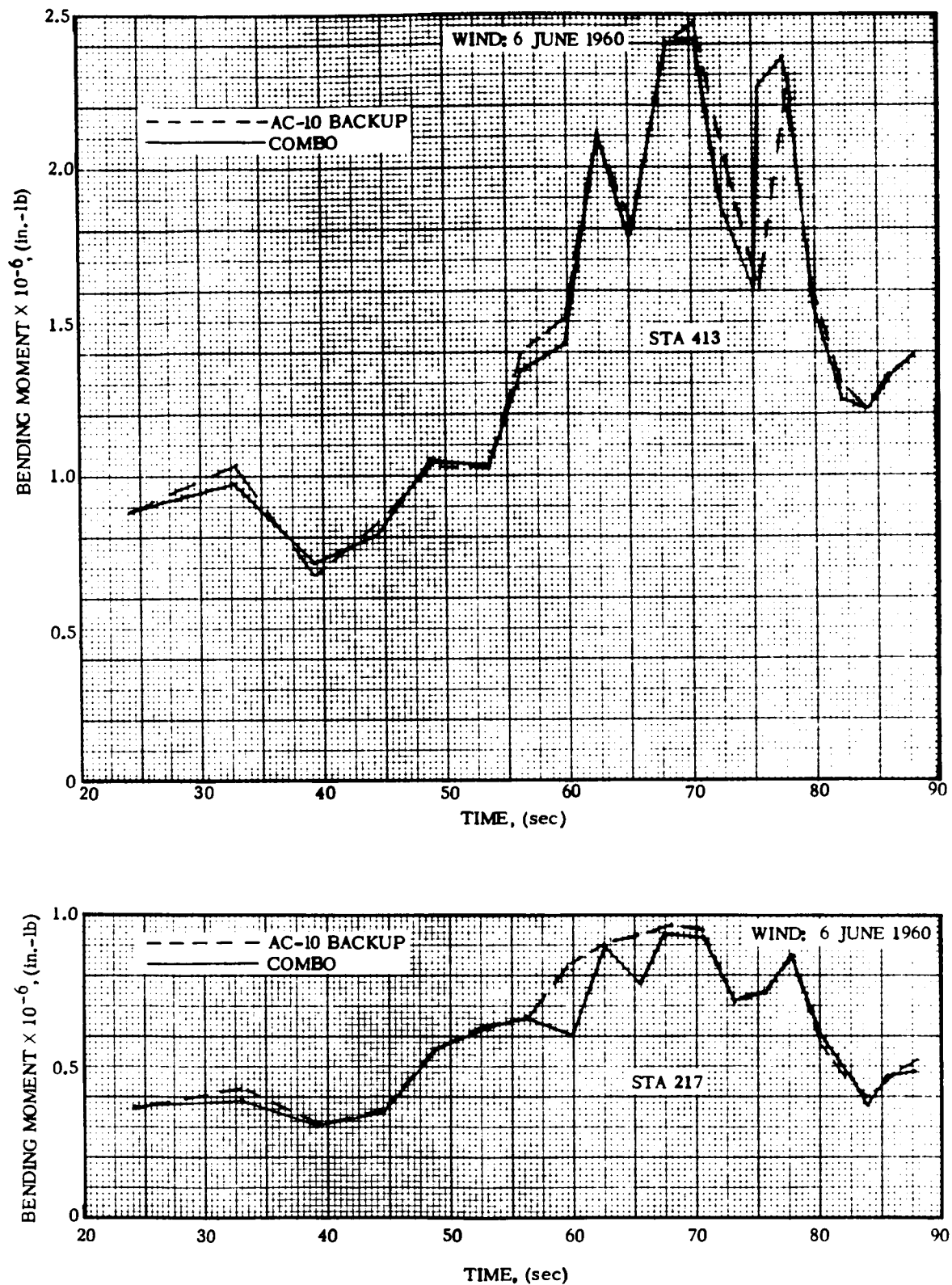


Figure A-3. Comparison of COMBO and Backup Methods, 6 June 1960  
Wind, Stations 217 and 413

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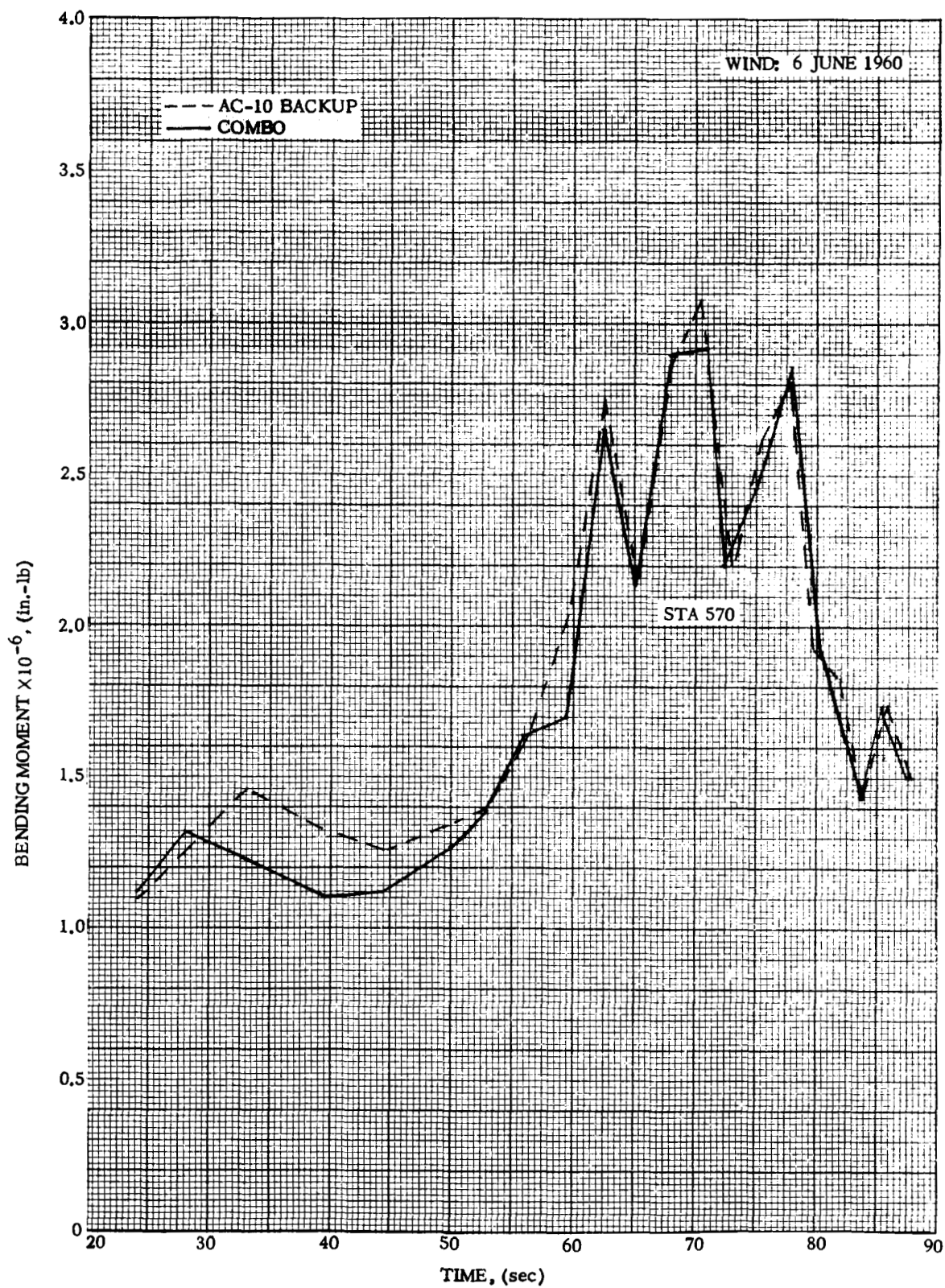


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Wind, Station 570

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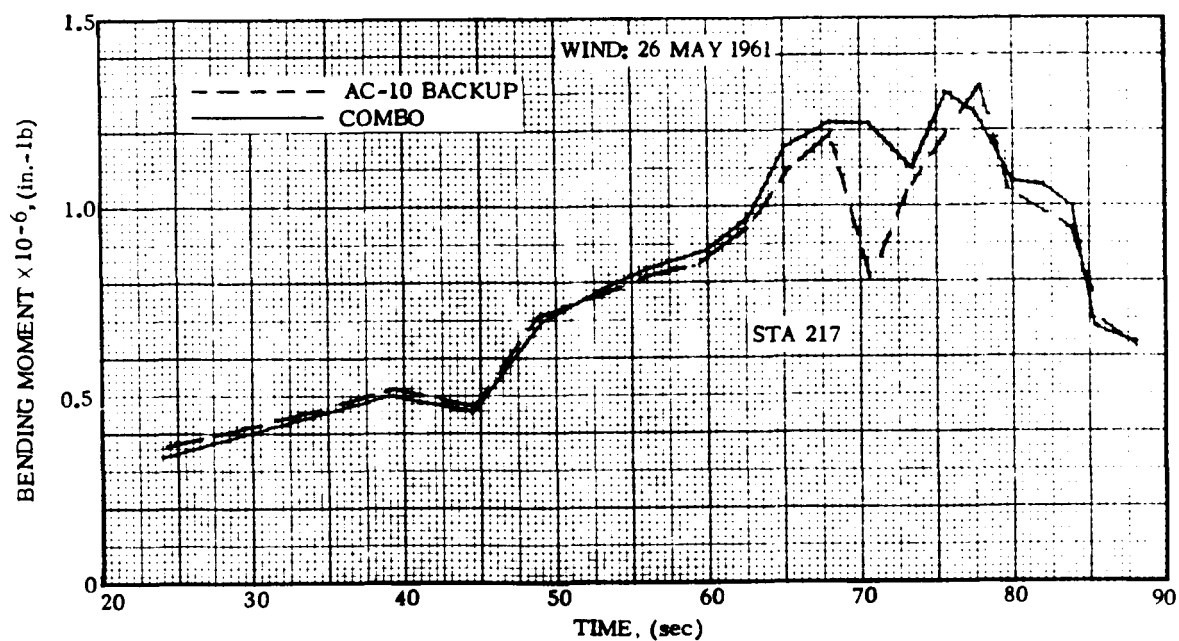
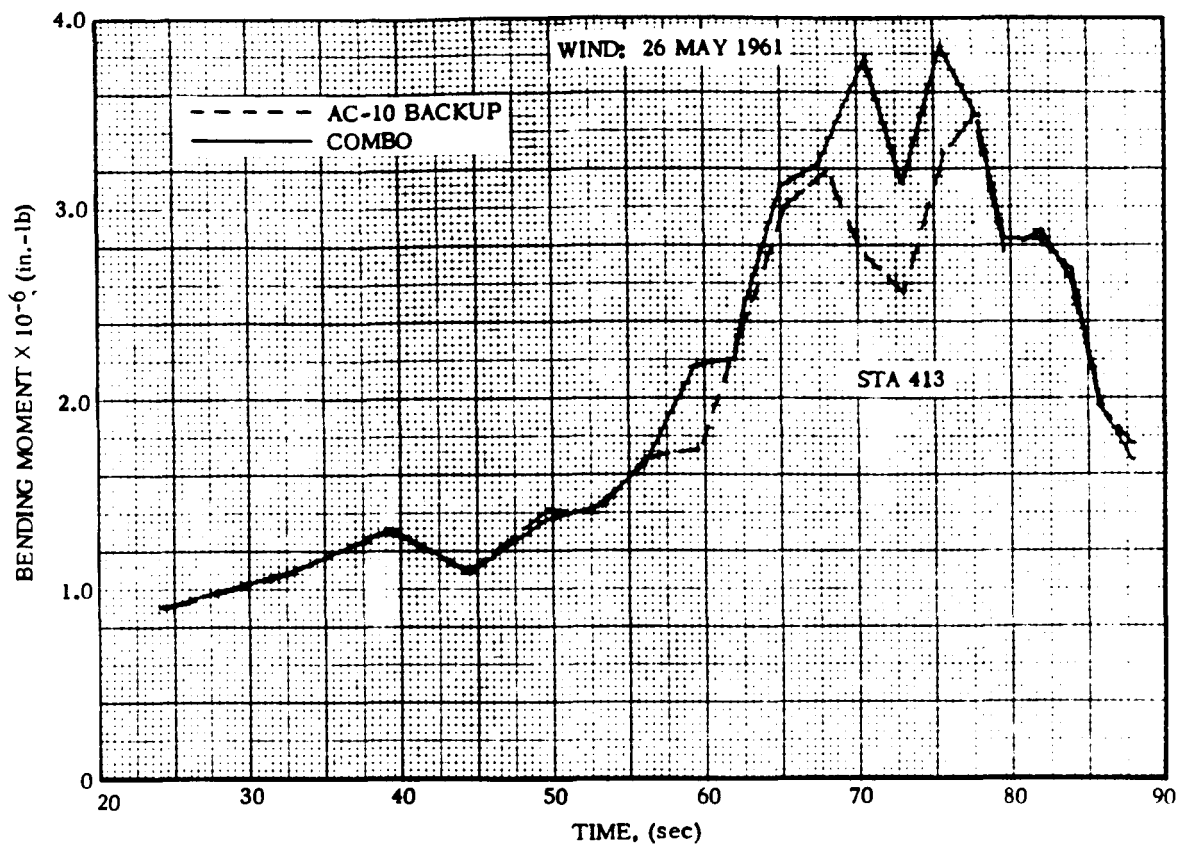


Figure A-5. Comparison of COMBO and Backup Methods, 26 May 1961  
Wind, Stations 217 and 413



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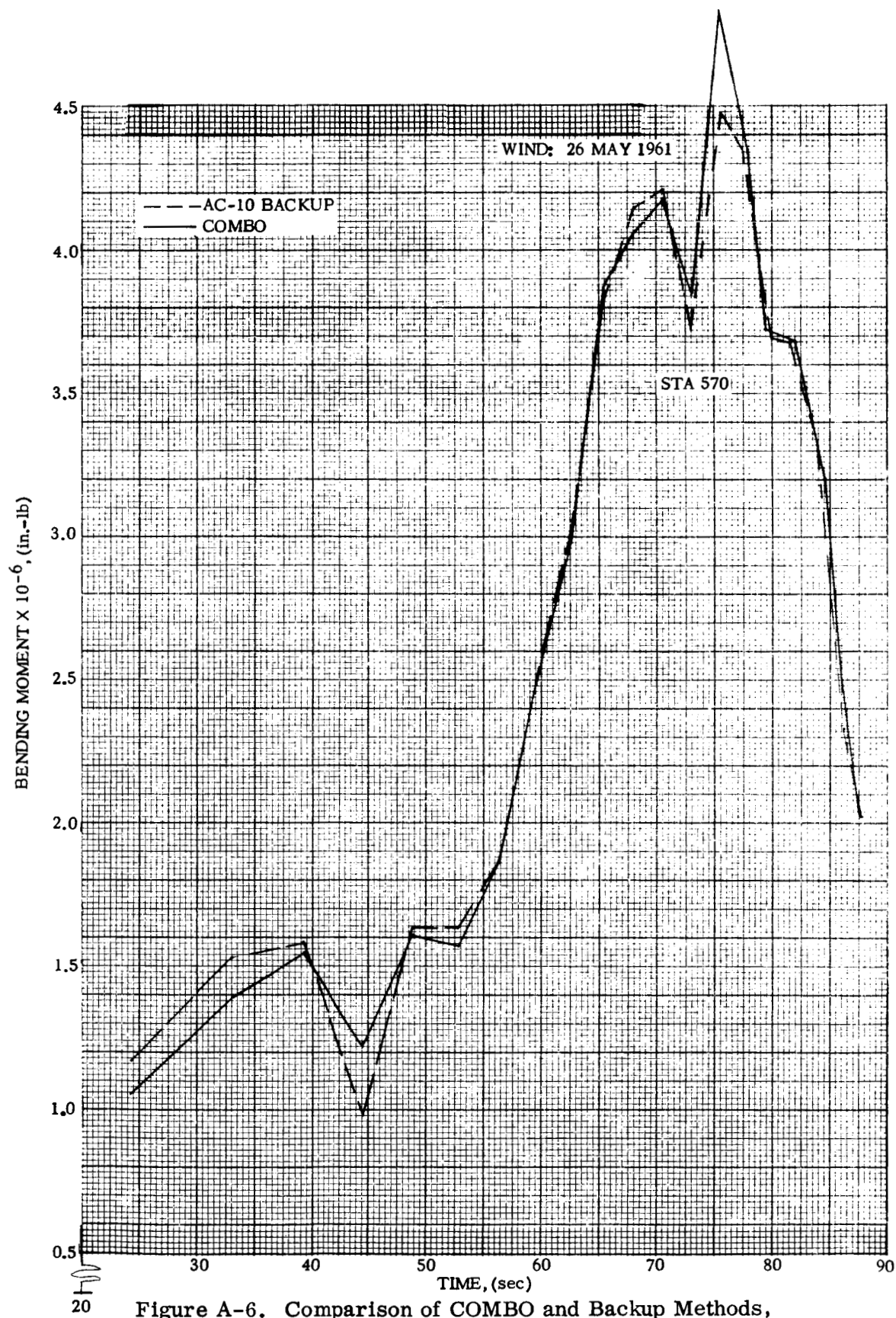


Figure A-6. Comparison of COMBO and Backup Methods,  
26 May 1961 Wind, Station 570

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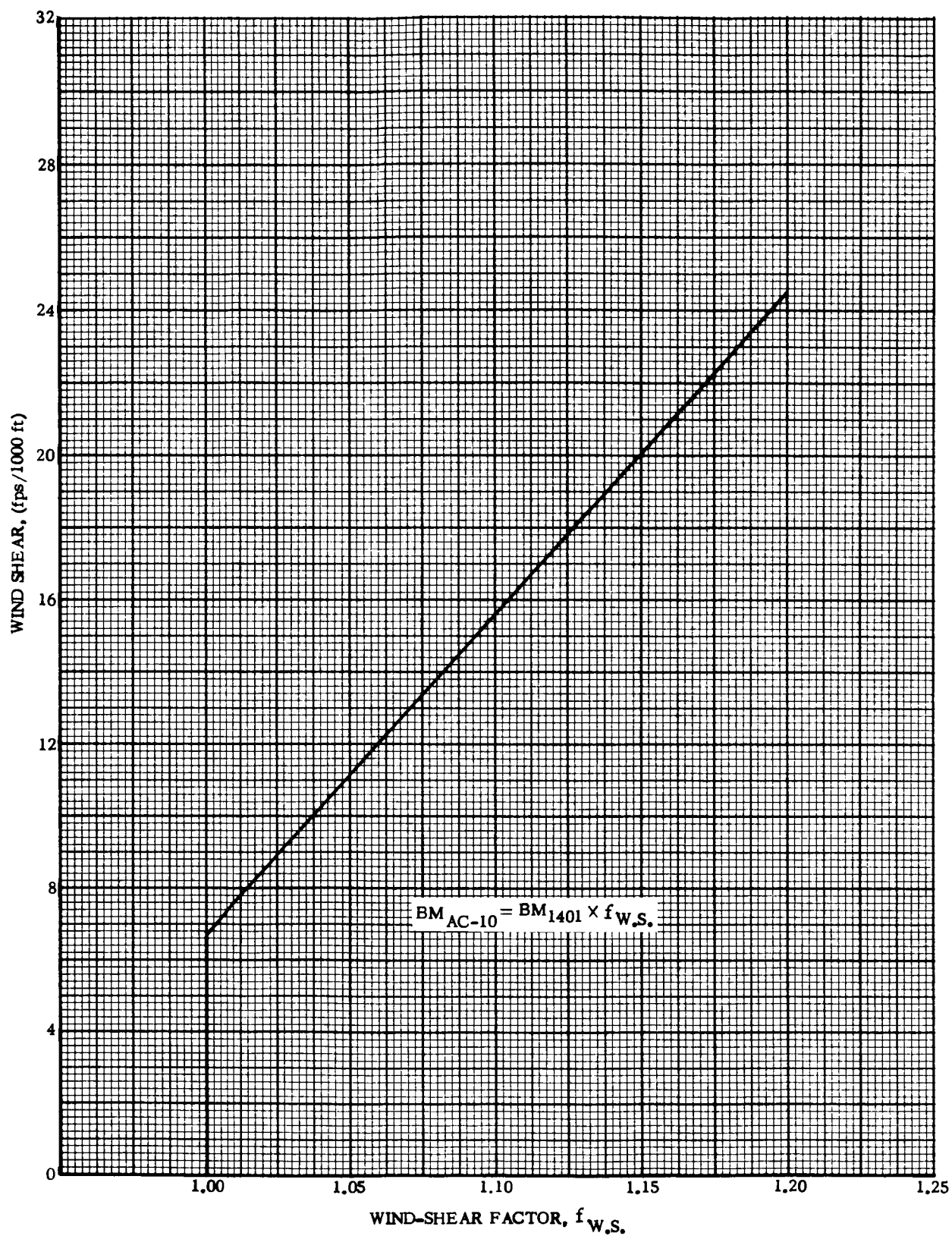


Figure A-7. AC-10 Wind-Shear Correction Factor for Backup (1401) Flight-Wind Restriction Procedure